

Fundamentals of Theory and Practice of Mixed Integer Non Linear Programming

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- Lecture 1: 09:00-12:00, Thursday 21st February: **introduction, applications, methods for convex MINLPs**
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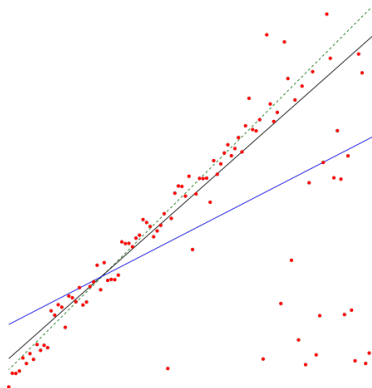
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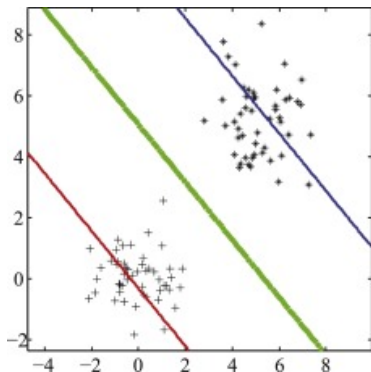
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- Penalize objects outside the margin: cost = 2
- Penalize objects within the margin ($\omega^\top x + b \in [-1, +1]$): cost in $[0, 2]$



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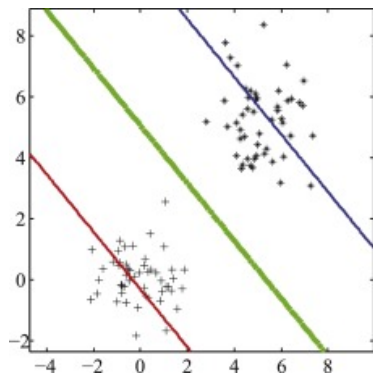
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How to find ω and b ? Solve the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\omega, b, \xi, z} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d \omega_j^2 + \frac{C}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \right) \\ & y_i(\omega^T x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i - Mz_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n \\ & 0 \leq \xi_i \leq 2 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n \\ & z \in \{0, 1\}^n \\ & \omega \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ & b \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

where ξ is the vector of deviation/penalty variables, z are binary variables identifying misclassification, and C is the tradeoff parameter. If $z_i = 1$ object i is misclassified out of the margin.

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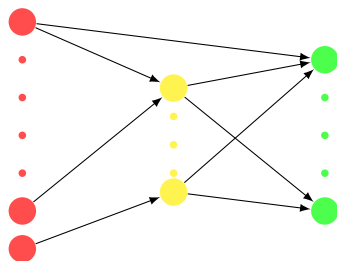
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Inputs I Pools L Outputs J



- Nodes $N = I \cup L \cup J$
- Arcs A
 $(i, j) \in (I \times L) \cup (L \times J) \cup (I \times J)$
on which materials flow
- Material attributes: K
- Arc capacities: $u_{ij}, (i, j) \in A$
- Node capacities: $C_i, i \in N$
- **Attribute** requirements
 $\alpha_{kj}, k \in K, j \in J$

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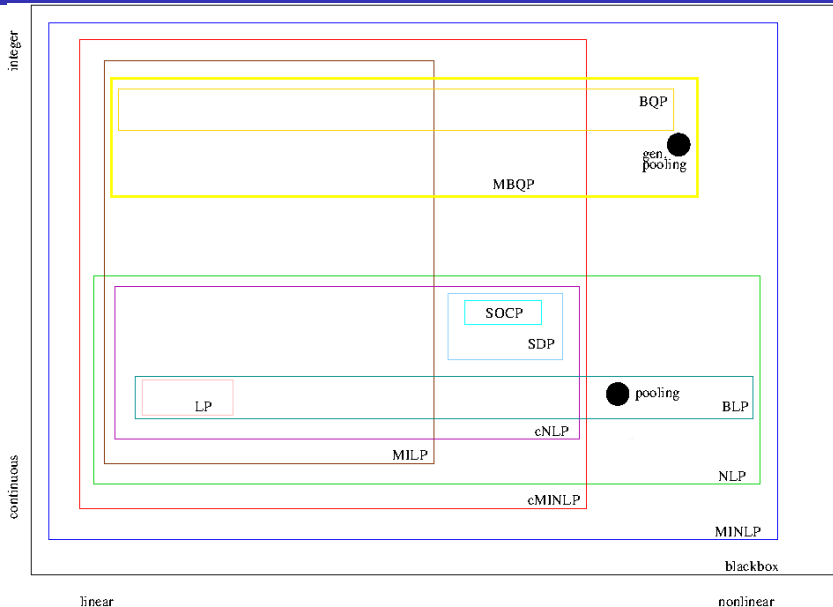
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Hypothesis: f and g are twice continuously differentiable functions.

Main optimization problem classes



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Solvable if we add

- $x_j^L \leq x_j \leq x_j^U \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n_1$ and
- $y_j^L \leq y_j \leq y_j^U \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n_2$

to (MINLP).

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The formulation (MINLP') is an **exact reformulation** of (MINLP) if

- $\forall (w', z')$ satisfying (2)-(4), $\exists (x', y')$ feasible solution of (MINLP) s.t. $\phi(w', z') = (x', y')$
- ϕ is efficiently computable
- $\forall (w', z')$ global solution of (MINLP'), then $\phi(w', z')$ is a global solution of (MINLP)
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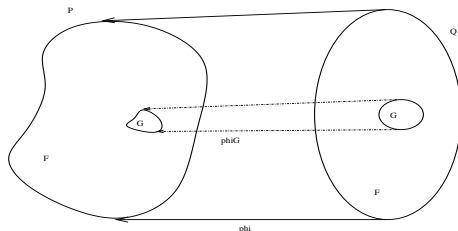
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Exact reformulations: example 1

$$\begin{aligned} \min y_1^2 + y_2^2 \\ 10y_1 + 5y_2 &\leq 11 \\ y_1 &\in \{0, 1\} \\ y_2 &\in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \min y_1 + y_2 \\ 10y_1 + 5y_2 &\leq 11 \\ y_1 &\in \{0, 1\} \\ y_2 &\in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{aligned} \min w_1 + w_2 \\ w_1 (= y_1^2) &= y_1 \\ w_2 (= y_2^2) &= y_2 \\ 10y_1 + 5y_2 &\leq 11 \\ y_1 &\in \{0, 1\} \\ y_2 &\in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

Exact reformulations: example 2

xy when y is binary

- If \exists bilinear term xy where $x \in [0, 1]$, $y \in \{0, 1\}$
- We can construct an **exact reformulation**:
 - Replace each term xy by an added variable w
 - Adjoin Fortet's reformulation constraints:

$$w \geq 0$$

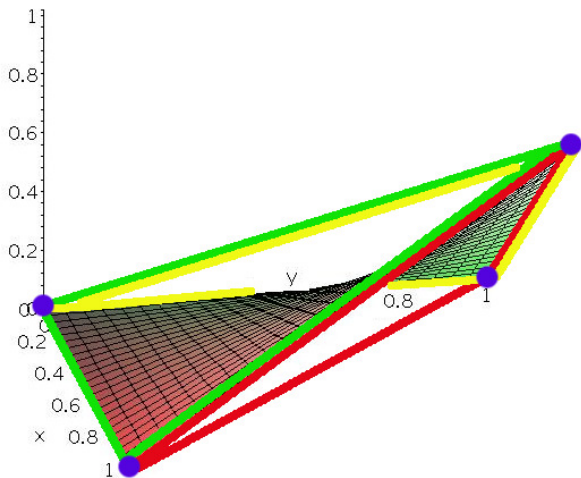
$$w \geq x + y - 1$$

$$w \leq x$$

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- Get a MILP reformulation
- Solve reformulation using CPLEX: more effective than solving MINLP

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(rMINLP)

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where $X \subseteq W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{q_1}$, $Y \subseteq Z \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{q_2}$, $q_1 \geq n_1$, $q_2 \geq n_2$, $\underline{f}(w, z) \leq f(x, y)$
 $\forall (x, y) \subseteq (w, z)$, and
 $\{(x, y) | g(x, y) \leq 0\} \subseteq \text{Proj}_{(x, y)} \{(w, z) | \underline{g}(w, z) \leq 0\}$.

Examples:

- continuous relaxation: when $(w, z) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $W = X$, $Z = Y$,
 $\underline{f}(x, y) = f(x, y)$, $\underline{g}(x, y) = g(x, y)$
- linear relaxation: when $q = n$, $W = X$, $Z = Y$, $\underline{f}(w, z)$ and $\underline{g}(w, z)$
are linear
- convex relaxation: when $q = n$, $W = X$, $Z = Y$, $\underline{f}(w, z)$ and
 $\underline{g}(w, z)$ are convex

Relaxations: example

$x_1 x_2$ when x_1, x_2 continuous

- Get bilinear term $x_1 x_2$ where $x_1 \in [x_1^L, x_1^U]$, $x_2 \in [x_2^L, x_2^U]$
- We can construct a **relaxation**:
 - Replace each term $x_1 x_2$ by an added variable w
 - Adjoin following constraints:

$$\begin{aligned}w &\geq x_1^L x_2 + x_2^L x_1 - x_1^L x_2^L \\w &\geq x_1^U x_2 + x_2^U x_1 - x_1^U x_2^U \\w &\leq x_1^U x_2 + x_2^L x_1 - x_1^U x_2^L \\w &\leq x_1^L x_2 + x_2^U x_1 - x_1^L x_2^U\end{aligned}$$

- These are called **McCormick's envelopes**
- Get an LP relaxation (solvable in polynomial time)

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- Local optima are also **global optima** .

“Basic” subproblems
we can solve “well”

$$\begin{aligned} \min f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) &\leq 0 \\ x &\in X \\ y &\in \{y \mid Ay \leq a\} \\ y_j &\leq \alpha_j^k & j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_2\} \\ y_j &\geq \beta_j^k & j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n_2\} \end{aligned}$$

k : current step of a Branch-and-Bound procedure;

α^k : current lower bound on y ($\alpha^k \geq y^L$);

β^k : current upper bound on y ($\beta^k \leq y^U$).

NLP restriction for a fixed y^k :

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Feasibility subproblem for a fixed y^k :

$$\begin{aligned} \min u \\ g(x, y^k) &\leq u \\ x &\in X \\ u &\in \mathbb{R}_+. \end{aligned}$$

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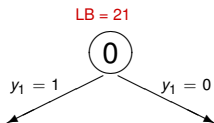
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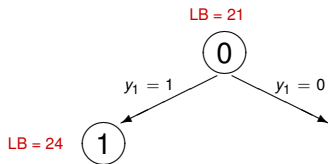
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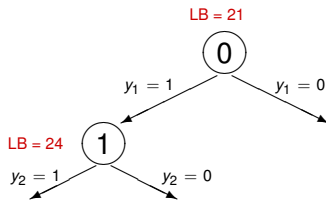
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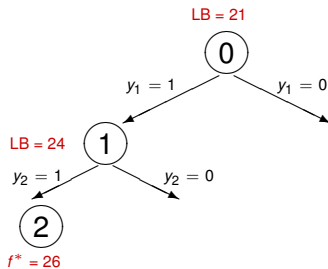
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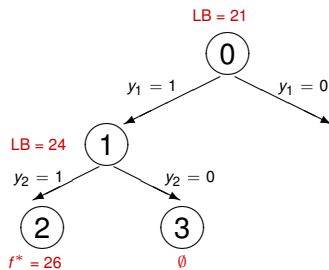
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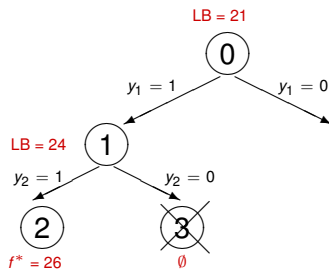
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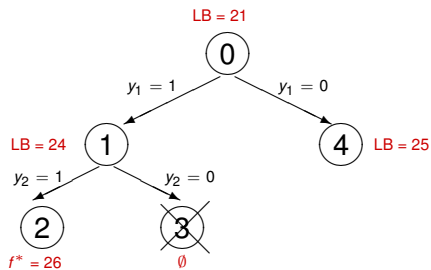
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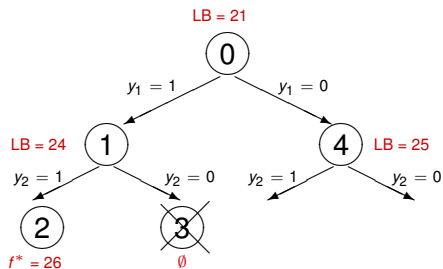
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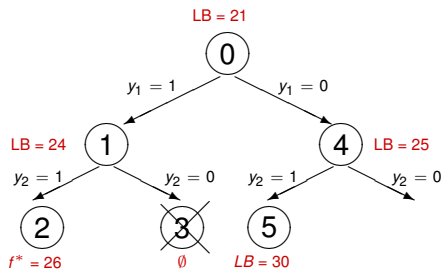
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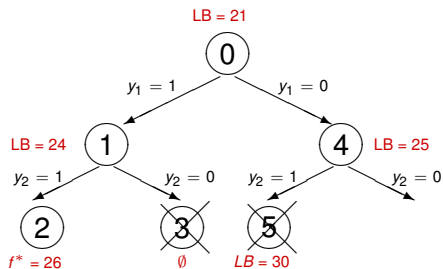
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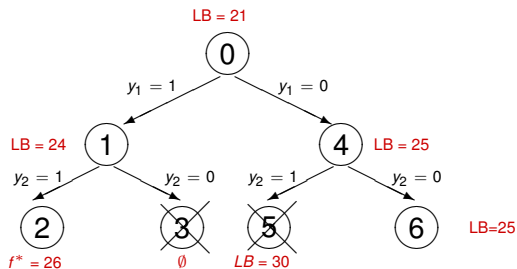
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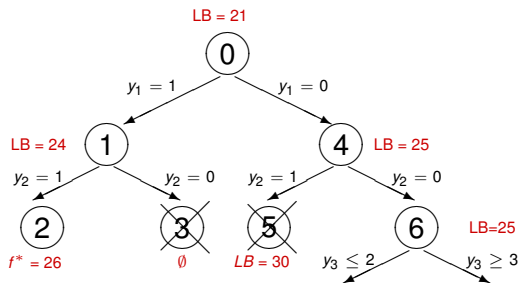
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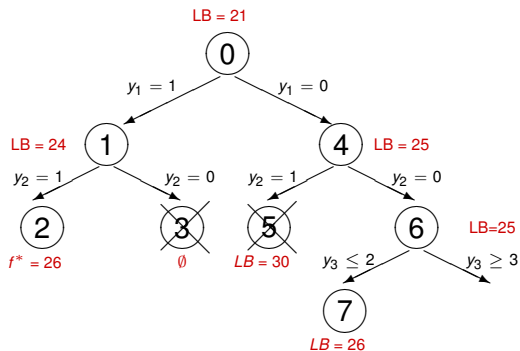
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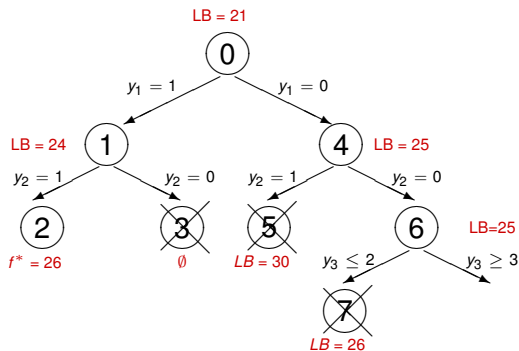
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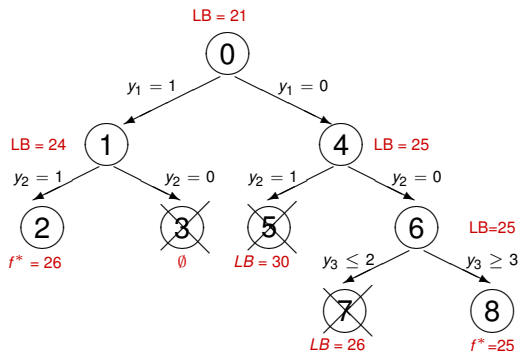
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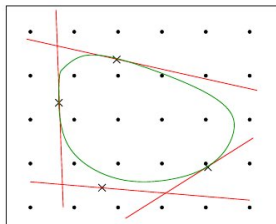


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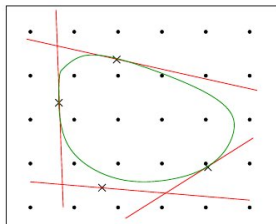
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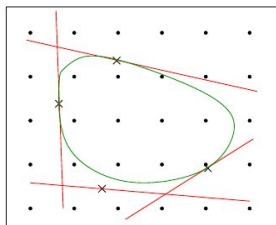


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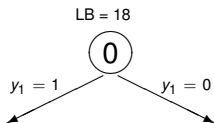
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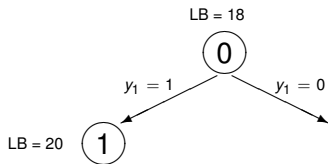
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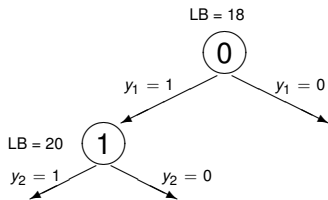
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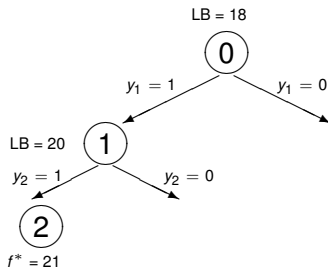
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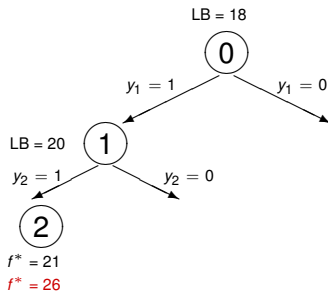
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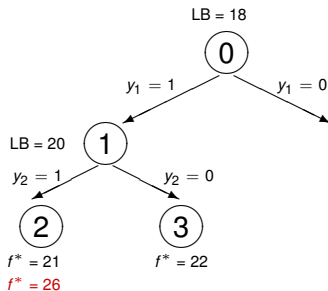
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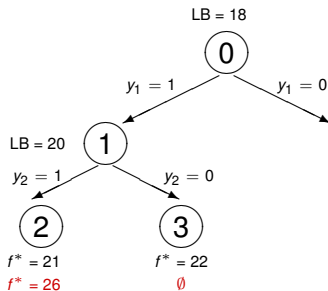
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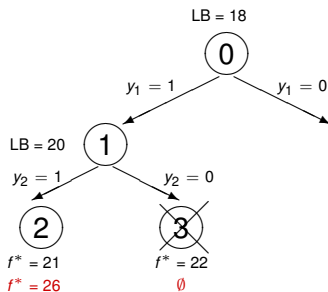
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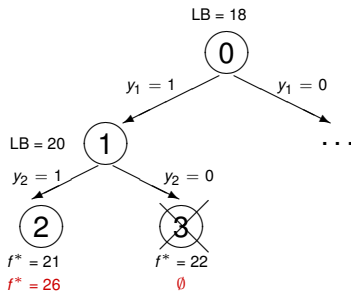
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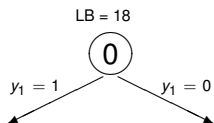
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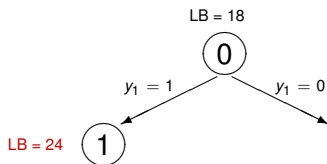
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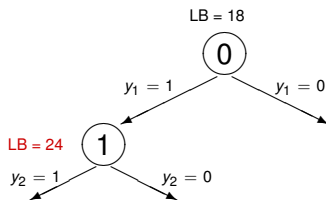
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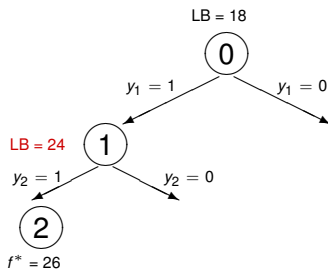


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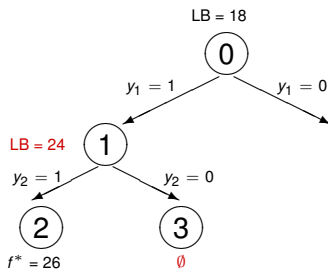
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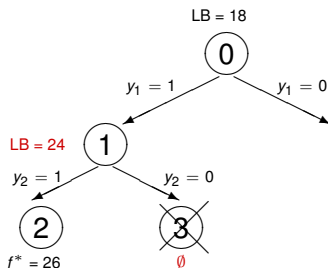
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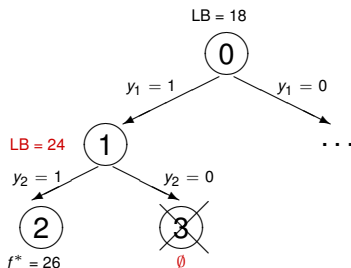
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